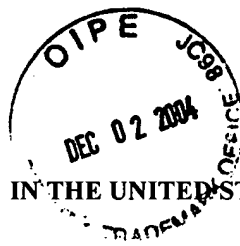


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For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE HAVING A SUB-AMPLIFIER CONFIGURATION
Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
☐ Also attached:

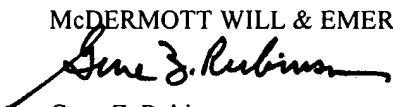
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Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$88.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
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- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 2, 2004.

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 7 are pending in this application. Claims 2, 4, 5 and 7 have been allowed. Claims 3 and 6, which are dependent from rejected claim 1, have been indicated to be allowable if presented in appropriate independent form. Favorable reconsideration of the rejection of claim 1 in light of the following comments and allowance of the application are respectfully solicited.

Paragraph 4 of the Office Action questions whether the sub-word line driver zones and the sense amplifier zones, of claims 1 and 2, intersect each other, *e.g.* physically or electrically. In response, it is believed clear from the disclosure that the zones intersect physically, not electrically.